

LRMTA Minutes May 6th, 2013, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 7 members present: Joan Milton, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Doreen Laing, Cheryl Hudak, and Brenda Lockmuller.

The agenda was approved by Brenda with Doreen seconding.

The April minutes were approved as circulated by Linda Dickey, seconded by Betty Jo. Thanks to Kate for preparing the notes.

The most recent balances are \$4330.76 in our awards account and \$748.00 in our operating account. Betty Jo notified the group that her student Kyra Natt said she had already cashed her awards cheque. Brenda will double check the records. Linda Dickey will confirm that Katherine Van Tol has cashed her rewritten cheque. The receipts for our local fees have been distributed. Thanks to Kate LaRocque for preparing them. Alma Davies cheque will be returned to the family. Christine will make the arrangements. Online bank access has been arranged. The reimbursement cheque from CFMTA for the "Branching Out activity has been received and deposited. Joan and Christine offered to audit the financial records after the end of June.

Doreen asked the members for feedback regarding the deadline for Kiwanis Festival entries for next year. The deadline will be January 1st, 2014. Members were concerned about the early deadline being before students return to lessons after Christmas holidays. Doreen will relay our concerns. Thanks again to Doreen for acting as our representative to the Kiwanis Festival.

ARMTA news: Joan Milton was able to purchase a photograph of the High Level Bridge as our contribution to the CFMTA Silent Auction. Thanks to Brenda Lockmuller for checking out other possibilities. Joan will transport it to the CFMTA convention in Halifax in July. Thanks to Joan for making these arrangements. Marilyn Sinclair has offered to write a memorial for Alma Davies for *Tempo*. Sincere thanks to Marilyn.

AMEF news: Teachers who want to renew or become a member of AMEF can check out membership information on the AMEF website at: <http://www.amef.ca/membership.php>

Christine reported on RCM information from Lou Joss. Cheryl Hudak was able to access her student exam information after calling the following number at RCM and receiving help from the representative there. Phone number: 1-800-461-6058.

Our next coffee meeting/performer's club is set for Thursday, May 16th at 9:30 a.m. at Linda Davies' home at 1260-5th Ave. S. (Not 5A). Please call Betty Jo at 329-1655 or Linda at 328-6085 to let them know if you will be attending.

Kate's nameplates are done and the signboards have been updated. Corrie has distributed brochures to the music stores and will update brochures when the last printing has been used up. Christine has relayed updated membership information to Corrie.

Christine informed members that the newly designed website is completed. The charge is \$105. Christine will make arrangements with Brenda to pay the invoiced amount to Carolyn Garritano. Kate

will be updating the website. She and Christine will communicate or meet when needed to keep the site up-to-date. If anyone has ideas for the website please contact Christine. The new website will provide an opportunity for photographs to be posted. In order to do this we will need signed permission from each person in the photo. Christine will circulate the release form by email. If you have photos of students from lessons or recitals that would be appropriate for our site, please submit the photo and release forms to Christine.

Next followed a discussion concerning advertising. Payment has been made by Brenda to continue our ad in this year's Yellow Pages. The fee was \$206.64. Kate will update our posting on Kijiji using Christine's number as a phone contact and Kate's email as email contact. Christine will confirm this with Kate. After review of our financial situation it was decided to go ahead with the Sign Me Up Insert (quarter page for \$175) and review the financial possibility of renewing the Yellow Pages ad when it comes due in January. Christine will make the Sign Me Up arrangements.

In connection with the financial discussion it was decided to fund our annual Kiwanis Festival awards from our awards account. Doreen Laing made the motion and Brenda Lockmuller seconded. Carried. Brenda will make the arrangements. Christine will make adjustments to Practise-a-thon and fundraising information.

Thanks to Joan Milton for preparing the program and convening the May 4th recital and to Deanna Oye for making the arrangements for the Recital Hall. It was a very successful program. Thanks to all teachers who submitted students. Joan has the banner.

We will be holding an adult student get-together on **Saturday May 25th at 10:00 a.m.** in Betty Jo's studio at 810 Kodiak Bay N. In addition, exam students are invited to play their repertoire beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please call Betty Jo at 403-329-1655 to confirm your students' attendance at either one of these events. A big thank you to Betty Jo for offering to host these two events.

For those members who have yet to be informed, long-time member Alma Davies passed away in April. Joan Milton moved that we make a memorial donation to the Lethbridge Kiwanis Festival in her memory in the amount of \$50. Chery Hudak seconded. Carried. Christine and Brenda will make the arrangements.

A masterclass with Jesse Plessis will take place at the home of Linda Davies at 1260-5th Ave. S. (not 5A) on Saturday, June 15th beginning at 1:00 p. m. The fee is \$20 per student and there are 2 slots left for students studying grades 8, 9, or 10. Call Linda at (403) 328-6085. After discussion it was decided that it would be too difficult to get students to attend an additional recital by Jesse at this time of year.

Betty Jo will contact Lou Joss and make arrangements for lunch with the RC examiner. Information will be circulated by email.

Piano Class Festival update: The dates are May 21-24, 2013. The adjudicators are Colleen Klassen, a local piano teacher and accompanist, and Jesse Plessis, who will be doing the senior classes. This piano festival, organized by members of the Lethbridge Registered Music Teachers, is open to all piano students and focuses on student participation, emphasizing the educational experience of performing and receiving comments from the adjudicator. Awards, determined by the adjudicator are presented by the adjudicator at an Honors Concert at the conclusion of the Festival, which features outstanding performers. The Festival will take place at McKillop United Church. The honors recital will be on Friday

evening the 24th (also at McKillop United Church). Christine, Joan and Betty Jo volunteered as secretaries to the adjudicator.

Christine will contact Lorrie Wittke to see if there has been any new information regarding the availability of video conferencing of RCM workshops.

Christine will compile the input from feedback to modify the Recital Etiquette information to be posted on the website and on the back of recital programs.

A discussion regarding Fall registration fees closed the meeting. A number of members charge a \$15 registration fee at the beginning of each teaching year.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 9th**, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade.